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- **Board Meeting #16** -

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett

Bruce Coggles
Ron MacNeil
Tanni Parker

Dean Power
Betty Tams

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives:

CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President
CUPE Local 474 – Sonny Kalynchuk, Vice-President

A. **O Canada** 

B. **Roll Call:** (6:05 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all Trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair reported that, on May 11th, the board met with Edmonton-area MLAs and shared the Board's Strategic plan; the challenges with respect to the upcoming budget; the results of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review School Closure and Sustainability Review Process; and concerns with respect to Bill 44. She noted that it was a very productive meeting.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that an entire department, two staff members and a district student were recognized at the annual RISE Awards on May 7, 2009. These awards honour the contributions that newcomers have made to Edmonton and the achievements of individuals and organizations that have assisted newcomers as they settle in our community.

The Community Collaboration Team from the Programs department was recognized in the Health, Human Services, and Education category. The team is made up of Gloria Chalmers, Karen Bardy, Heather Raymond, Elisa Rawe, Ann Mah and Margaretha Ebbers.

The mission of this group is to provide an environment where parents, students and communities can connect with settlement agencies and policy makers to enhance the quality of life for immigrants. This award is particularly gratifying to the group because they were nominated by their community partners.

Also recognized in this category were Arlene Fraser, an educational assistant at Grace Martin School and Rita Delongchamp-Osborne, a teacher at Balwin School.

Justin Nshimirimana, a 17 year old student who has been taking classes through Metro Continuing Education, also received recognition. Justin arrived in Canada from East-Central Africa in 2004 and at one time lived at the Youth Emergency Shelter. Rather than allowing adversity to keep him from achieving, he has used his knowledge and experiences as a new comer to support many organizations for immigrants in need.

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E. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #15 – April 28, 2009

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #15 held April 28, 2009 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Improving Student Achievement

2. Improving Student Achievement at Westbrook School

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement at Westbrook School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition

3. An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools

4. Locally Developed Courses - Additions

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the District, be renewed for the school years from 2009-2012:

Elementary Dance 1-6
Tanach Studies K-6
Arabic Language Arts 7, 8, 9
Ballet 7, 8, 9
Canadian History—Pre Confederation
Canadian History—Post Confederation
Creative Writing 7, 8, 9
Dance 7, 8, 9
Discovery Option 7, 8, 9

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Geometry 7, 8, 9
Humanities 9
ICT Foundations 7
Islamic Studies 7, 8, 9
Military History 7, 8
Public Speaking and Debate 7
Study Skills and Learning Strategies 7, 8, 9
Television Production and Writing 7, 8, 9
Women's History 9
World History—Pre-History to 1500
World History—1500-2000
Applied Graphic Arts 15, 25, 35
Arabic Language Arts 15-3Y, 25-3Y, 35-3Y
Ballet 15, 25, 35
Black History Studies 25
Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15, 25, 35
Contemporary Dace 25, 35
Dance 15, 25, 35
Dance Composition 35
Exercise Science 35
Fitness Leader 35
Fluid Power 25, 35
Hebrew Language Arts 15, 25, 35
Jazz Dance 25, 35
Marine Biology 35^c
Military History 15, 25
Musical Theatre 15, 25, 35
Physiology of Dance/Sport 35
Punjabi Language and Culture 15-3Y, 25-3Y, 35-3Y
Religious Studies 15, 25, 35
Statistics 35 (AP)
Tap Dance 25, 35
Workplace Essential Skills 25, 35
Advanced Acting 15, 25, 35^a
Musical Theatre 15, 25, 35^b
Team Leadership 15, 25, 35^b

^a Acquired from Calgary Catholic Schools

^b Acquired from Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

^c Acquired from Parkland School Division

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2. That the following new locally developed courses, acquired from other school jurisdictions during the 2008-2009 school year, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012:

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Acquired From</u>
Advanced Techniques in Sculpture 15, 25, 35	CBE
Pre-Engineering 15, 25, 35	CBE

3. That the following new locally developed courses developed during the 2008-2009 school year, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012:
- Engineering Technologies 15, 25, 35 (5 credits)
4. That the locally developed course Sports Medicine 25-35 be renewed for three years. (The course will be replaced by provincially developed courses; as the Provincial courses are implemented, the locally developed Sports Medicine courses will be deleted.)”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Student Transportation Fees for 2009-201

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the schedule of bus pass fees for the 2009-2010 school year be approved, to be effective August 2009.”

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustee Huff

The Motion was CARRIED.

The Board took a short break at this point.

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6. Joint Use Agreement: Land

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson :

“That a new Joint Use Agreement, which governs the acquisition and disposition of school land, and as enabled under the *Municipal Government Act*, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Alberta School Boards Association for Language Education (ASBALE) Survey

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“That the District response to the ASBALE survey be approved for submission to ASBALE.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Draft Early Years Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Draft Early Years Policy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Response to Board Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Board Request for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

10. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 5, 2009)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“1. That Report #12 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 5, 2009 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That the following designation for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2012 be confirmed:**

Carol Symons – Director”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “3. That the nomination of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada for an ASBA Friends of Education Award be approved.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “4. That Board support for local bargaining and the option of choice as outlined in Option 1 of the Mackenzie Report, as a response to the ASBA request for Board position, be approved.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “5. That the Board revise the request for information process to require majority support for such requests and, if not supported, the request be automatically treated as a notice of motion.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Motion re Travel Restrictions

The motion was withdrawn.

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J. Other Trustee Reports

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 6, 2009, she had attended a performance at Afton School. There were over 140 children involved in the production which involved singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and acting.

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 8, 2009, she attended a pancake breakfast at Westmount School along with a number of members of the Administration.

Trustee Ripley reported that, on April 29, 2009 she and Trustee Esslinger attended the Minister's Inspiring Education Community Conversation. She encouraged those interested to register for the last session in the province to be held June 20th.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 5, 2009, she and Trustees Fleming, Ripley and Shipka attended the State of the City Address.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 6, 2009, she participated in McHappy Days in Castledowns.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 11, 2009, she represented the District at a Chamber of Commerce event Meet the North reception.

K. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

M. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the Minister of Education be urged to explore a geothermal heating model as a pilot project in a new school and that Edmonton Public Schools be the site of that pilot project.

N. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

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O. **Adjournment:** (8:45 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary